

WRITES OF NARROW ESCAPE.

The vicissitudes of Mr. W. B. Cox, former Williamson citizen, who was captured by Villaistas in Mexico, confined to a dungeon for months and finally sentenced to execution after a mock trial, are told in a letter of thanks recently written to Senator William E. Chilton.

While a great deal of credit for Cox's release is doubtless due Senator Chilton it was Cox's son, Flava, of this city, who did most of the work. Young Cox secured the funds necessary for his father to make a proper defense. He also solicited the help of citizens who had known Cox while a resident here.

The letter received by Senator Chilton relates in detail some of the trials endured by the former Williamsonian, who was captured in February last. Cox was not allowed counsel or permitted to secure evidence for his defense. While he has been liberated the money taken from him was confiscated by Villa. The same kind of money was circulated by both Carranza and Villa and it was over this money that Cox was arrested, his captors alleging it to be counterfeit.

Following is the letter in full:
"Brownsville, Texas, July 22, 1915.
"Hon. W. E. Chilton,
"United States Senator.
"I thank you for your work in Mexico. That your prompt action in request of my Williamson friends was a long way towards saving my life do not doubt.

Execution is Halted.

"The appeal to the state department at that time gave that department good grounds for the strong protestations made by the secretary of state which no doubt stopped my execution which had been ordered by Gen. Francisco Villa a few days after your letter to Secretary Bryan.

"I was in an awkward predicament, as none of the state department representatives knew me and I am convinced that two of them had wired the state department that I was apparently guilty of the charges against me. Up to April 10, five days after my arrest, I was given no show to get any evidence in my behalf and had been taken before the court, questioned often with an incompetent interpreter without permission of consulting counsel or having any counsel present.

"About the time the order of execution was made a fake confession was introduced and an attempt to close the case made. The fake confession was introduced by a high official of the Villa army, a man to whom I had never spoken.

Proves His Innocence.

"However, after the protestations made by the state department through Mr. Marion Letcher, consul at Chihuahua, I was given a new trial and a fair trial, in which I was permitted to employ counsel and competent interpreter and was shown every consideration. I proved my innocence beyond a doubt and the trial judge, in rendering his decision, said he found me not guilty of any crime whatever and ordered my release from prison, but in the same decision confiscated my money, which has not yet been returned to me, although I had proven that the Carranza officials were placing it in circulation. Both Villa and Carranza had forced the circulation in their respective territories and also it had been put in circulation by force by the Villa people for 60 days after my arrest.

"I filed a bill in evidence that had been stamped as good by the Villa officials of the identical bills, which was done after my arrest.

"Pardon me for mentioning these things, as I only do so to show you that your confidence in me and my friends was not misplaced.

"I beg to remain,
"Your Obedient Servant,
"W. B. COX," Mingo Republican.

BRAMMER GAP.

A new church at Brammer Gap, located last Sunday by Bro. H. and a large crowd was present.

There was a hole in the 28. Procession body came and Rev. Boothby, ing sermon. Dear visiting Mrs. J. H. P. and took some time, is better at this past all his. Being cause of his trouble. She was buried at the cemetery, that overlook Weep not father and mother is not dead, but Jesus, where no pain ever come.

Mrs. J. N. Herald and her son, who have been sick time are better. Ebon Taylor and wife have Ashland where they will live.

School is progressing nicely with Mrs. Stewart teacher. Alice Diamond was shopping at Yatesville Thursday. Blanche Burchett is suffering very much with a severe sore arm. Miss Martha Clark entertained a crowd of her young friends Sunday. Miss Minnie Burchett is visiting relatives at Cherokee this week. Mrs. Sam Picklesimer of McRoberts is visiting home folks at this place. The oil well on James Clark farm was completed Friday and will be shot today.

Remember the date of our picnic and everybody come. Sunday school is still improving.

Her Sister's Elopement

By SADIE OLCOTT

My sister Clemantine is full of romance. Clem is four years older than I. She is twenty, and I'm sixteen. Phil Armitage has been loitering around her for a long while, and it makes me sick to see how they act.

The other day Clem came to me and said, "Fan, Phil and I are going to elope, and I want you to help us."

"Elope?" says I. "What are you going to elope for? You know well enough you would be glad to have some one take you off his hands."

"Don't say that to Phil. I've told him he expects me to marry a rich man or a big one of some kind. Don't you know that a man wants what it's hard for him to get? If Phil knew he would be glad to turn over my support to him he'd cool off right away."

"Clem," I says, "I never knew before you had so much sense. You're dead right."

"And don't you forget it. When you come to a marriageable age and a fellow comes courting you make him think you're doing him a great favor if you just look at him."

I almost snickered right out at this. How patronizing of Clem! She doesn't know that I've got five beaus and could have as many more as I like.

Well, I asked her what she wanted me to do, and she said that just before I went to bed on the night of the elopement I was to go into father's room, feel in his trousers' pocket and steal the key to the wagon house, where he keeps lots of things, unlock the door, get out the ladder and carry it around under her window, where Phil would have no trouble in finding it. I promised to do this and anything else that she wanted me to do, but she said there was nothing else. I asked her what were the arrangements for the wedding, and she said that at 11 o'clock Phil was to put the ladder up so that she could go down to him. He was to have a wagon at the crossroads and they were to go to Parson Miller's to be married. Then they were to take the 12:30 train on their wedding journey and the next day she would telegraph pa asking forgiveness.

I thought it was just too bad that Clem and Phil should have such a doleful wedding—no cake, no lemonade or anything—and I wondered if I couldn't help them out a bit. I just told four boys and three girls that I wanted them to have a moonlight ride with me in our democrat wagon, and they all agreed. I asked pa if I might have the horses, and he said I might and gave me the key to the wagon house. Johnnie Walker came round and helped me hitch up.

My riding party was arranged for the night Clem was to make her elopement. Johnny Walker came round about 8 o'clock and I told him what we were going to do. Just before we drove off to pick up the rest of the party he carried the ladder around to the side of the house, where Clem's room was, and laid it down on the grass.

We had a merry ride, singing most of the way, and shortly before 11 o'clock I told about Clem's elopement and proposed that we make a wedding party for her—poor thing! They were all mighty well pleased with the idea, so we drove past the crossroads, where we saw Phil's wagon hitched, and on to a short distance beyond the house, where we all got out and crept along under the fence out of the moonlight to a place where we could see Clem's room.

We had none of us ever seen an elopement before, and I tell you it was lots of fun. We saw Phil steal up, dodging under the trees, put up the ladder and Clem come down. Then they both started for their wagon, and we went back to ours. It wasn't long after this till we were jogging along behind them.

They passed the parson's and, turning off the pike, took a dirt road that would lead them back to the parson's again. We turned, too, and followed them. They tried in every way to shake us, but we wouldn't be shook. When they came to the parson's next time they stopped and waited in the wagon for us to go on. We stopped and waited too. We could hear them debating what to do, and at last they concluded to go into the parsonage. They got out, Phil hitched the horse, and they rang the doorbell. We drove on with a laugh, and they thought they were rid of us, but as soon as they had been admitted we turned, drove back and, opening the parsonage door, all piled into the house.

You should have seen Clem when she saw me come in, followed by a lot of boys and girls. She looked daggers at me, I tell you.

"Clem," I said, "we didn't like for you and Phil to be married with no attendants, so we just thought we'd come and see you off."

Phil tried to laugh as if he thought it a good joke, but it was a mighty poor laugh. There was nothing for them to do but be married as they had intended, and when they had been tied together we all congratulated them, we girls offering to kiss Clem. Clem kissed them all except me, but when she refused I put my handkerchief to my eyes as though my feelings were hurt, though I was laughing.

H. C. SULLIVAN, of this place, has been attracted to work for a large insurance company and will have an office in Ashland and also in Cincinnati. His territory covers parts of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. He is energetic and will no doubt succeed in this line. The NEWS wishes him the greatest success.

Young Man, if You Want to Make Good, Go to Church!

YOUNG men should GO TO CHURCH!

The flippant youth of the day is wont to remark that the churches are for old men and women. He treats lightly the GO TO CHURCH movement. Many of the young men of the day say that they intend to have their fling while they are young. It is time enough to think of the church when they get old. Where is the young man who can say that he will live to be old? Where is the young man who, with certainty, can say that he will live another day? Delays always are dangerous, but a delay in making your peace with God is doubly so. Pick up your newspaper any day and see the long list of persons who, without a moment's warning, are plunged into eternity.

THE CHURCH WANTS THE YOUNG MAN. THERE IS NOTHING MORE INSPIRING THAN TO SEE A CHURCH FILLED WITH YOUNG MEN. THE YOUNG MEN SHOULD BE LEADERS IN THE GO TO CHURCH MOVEMENT. THIS IS THE DAY OF THE YOUNG MAN. NO GREAT MOVEMENT CAN HOPE TO SUCCEED WITHOUT HIS HELP. IF THE YOUNG MEN GET INTO THIS GO TO CHURCH MOVEMENT IT WILL BE THE TREMENDOUS SUCCESS IT DESERVES TO BE. THE YOUNG MAN WHO IS ANXIOUS FOR A FUTURE; THE YOUNG MAN WHO WOULD EARN THE RESPECT OF THE COMMUNITY; THE YOUNG MAN WHO WANTS TO MAKE GOOD WILL GO TO CHURCH. HE WILL BE SEEN IN CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY.

The really great men of the country went to church when they were boys. They went to church when they were young men. And they GO TO CHURCH today. Their greatness in life may be traced to GOING TO CHURCH. The church is not alone for the old men and the old women. It is for the young. It is for the strong. It is for the vigorous.

Yes, the church needs the young men. The young women do not need urging. They GO TO CHURCH. Let all young men follow their good example.

DIFFICULTIES OF MARKETING FARM TIMBER.

The marketing of farm timber presents some of the same difficulties, but in an aggravated form, that the farmer meets in selling other crops, says a Forest Service contribution to the Year Book of the Department of Agriculture. The farmer finds it hard to get enough for his timber. Most farmers now sell their saw timber on the stump to a mill man, such sales ordinarily being made for a lump sum. The mill man, experienced in estimating, goes through the woods and sizes up the quantity and value of the timber he wants. The owner, being a farmer and not a lumberman, seldom knows anything about estimating timber and has only the vaguest idea of what it ought to bring. The consequence of this condition is that the farmer often receives only a small fraction of the actual market value of his stumpage.

Astonishing examples of what a farmer may thus throw away are often encountered by foresters, continues the article. For instance, a Massachusetts farmer sold a million feet of timber to a portable saw mill man for \$1,200 and thought he had obtained a good price. His neighbor, however, who knew something about timber, got 7,000 for the same quantity of white pine from the same portable mill man. The first farmer, on account of his ignorance, practically presented the mill man with \$5,800, the second owner was wise enough to learn how much he had and sold his timber how much he had and what it ought to bring him in money.

The productive capacity of the 200 million acres of farm lands throughout the country which either have or should have timber growing on them is enormous, says the article. This area is larger than all the national forests put together, and with an annual growth of 200 board feet per acre of saw timber—a moderate allowance under the practice of forestry—it would produce annually forever 40 billion or the equivalent of the entire lumber cut of the country, in addition to not less than 120 million cords of firewood.

These figures, continues the article, probably never will be realized, for the reason that the present area of farm woodlands is much greater than it will be eventually. For example, woodland comprises 31 per cent. of the entire

area of the South, and undoubtedly much of this land will be put to other uses than timber growing. Nevertheless, the farmers of the United States now own at least 250 billion cords of saw timber and 1-2 billion cords of cordwood, and this timber should produce a substantial part of their incomes. Farmers ought to make the most of their timber, and the public should be interested in this question for the reason that the vast aggregate of farm timber should be available to supplement the other sources of the general supply.

WHAT IS A WEED?

The author of a bulletin in discussing a definition of a weed, says: "A weed has been defined as a plant out of place. This definition is not entirely satisfactory, for two reasons: (1) Because a plant may be out of place and still not be a weed in the popular sense, as rye growing in a wheat field or Kentucky bluegrass in an alfalfa field, and (2) because a plant may not be out of place and still be a weed in popular language as is described in a subsequent section of this bulletin on the good points about weeds. In reality a weed is a wild plant that has the habit of intruding where not wanted." These wild plants serve a useful purpose, and are "in place," yet usage which invariably determines a definition decrees that they are weeds. They are weeds through the fact they are wild and have the habit of intruding where not wanted, even though they may at some time serve a useful purpose.

LICK CREEK.

Sunday school is progressing nicely at this place. Mr. and Mrs. Baz Wellman were calling on home folks Sunday. Tom Cornutte was calling on his sister, Mrs. Della Thompson Monday. Carl Burchett, of Deephole, called on friends here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Morda Wilson were visiting their mother, Mrs. Marion Wilson Sunday. George Short was calling here Sunday.

There will be an ice cream supper at the school house Aug. 28. Everybody invited to come. BLUE BELL.

Deeds and Mortgages for sale here.

GARDEN ANTS HARMLESS. WEST VIRGINIA

ITEMS OF NEWS.

Do Not Injure Plants, and Nests May Be Easily Destroyed.
[Prepared by United States department of agriculture.]

An unusual number of complaints have been received this year by the department of agriculture from persons who say that ants are injuring their lawns and gardens. As a matter of fact, these ants do little harm, and the injury that is attributed to them is usually caused by something else. In large numbers, however, the small conical nests which they build on lawns are somewhat unsightly and on this account it may be desirable in some cases to destroy them.

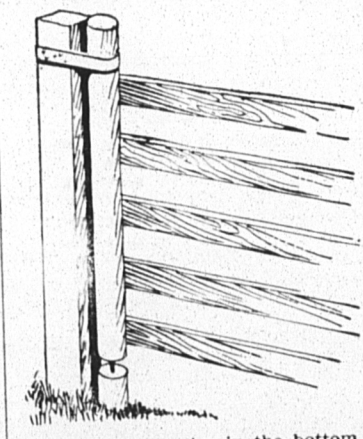
Where there is only a small area to be covered the simplest method is to drench the nests with boiling water. Another simple remedy is to spray the lawn with kerosene emulsion or with a very strong soap wash prepared by dissolving any common laundry soap in water at the rate of one pound or one-half pound to a gallon of water. Such methods are particularly well adapted to small lawns and for the ordinary little lawn ant.

For larger ant colonies of other species, bisulphide of carbon, a chemical which can be purchased at any drug store, will be found effective. This substance can be placed in the nest by means of an oil can or small syringe, the quantity required varying from one-half ounce for a small nest to two or three ounces or more for a large one. An oil can with a long spout is a convenient instrument, as it can be inserted into the nests and the liquid injected without its being brought close to the operator's nose, for the fumes of bisulphide of carbon, although not poisonous, are nauseating. To facilitate the entrance into the nest of the chemical, the ant hole can be enlarged with a sharp stick or iron rod. After the bisulphide of carbon has been injected, the opening should be closed by pressure of the foot in order to retain the bisulphide. This will penetrate slowly throughout the underground channels of the nest and kill all the inmates. It is important to remember that while bisulphide is perfectly harmless if kept away from all fire, it is very inflammable and may, under certain circumstances, explode when ignited.

Except for the unsightly appearance of their nests, however, the lawn ants do no appreciable harm. They enter houses very rarely and, on the whole, may be said to do no harm of any kind except in so far as they lessen the attractive appearance of the lawn. On the other hand, it is quite possible that by bringing up from the lower depths sand and earth they may distinctly increase fertility by forming a top dressing or soil mulch, and at the same time permit better aeration of the earth.

To Hang a Gate.

Take a locust stake 3 by 3 inches in size and 18 inches long and drive it into the ground until only three inches are left above the surface. Bore an auger hole in the top of the stake and put an iron bolt in the hole; then bore



a hole the same size in the bottom of the gate post and place it over the bolt, as shown in the cut. Fasten the gate at the top with a piece of strap iron bent and bolted as shown.—Southern Agriculturist.

Potatoes For Stock Feed.

The heavy production and the low price of potatoes have directed attention to their value for stock feed. Hitherto this subject has not received much attention in this country because under ordinary conditions other feeds are undoubtedly much cheaper and better. Some estimate that even at 15 cents a bushel it is more expensive to feed potatoes to stock than it is to feed silage, while on the other hand it is scarcely probable that the farmer can raise potatoes for much less than 30 cents a bushel. Their actual value for feed depends upon many factors, but it is better to make some use of the potatoes on hand rather than let them rot.

In Germany, where the potato crop is proportionately far greater than in this country, the question has been more thoroughly studied. The tubers may be used for feeding cows, horses, sheep and pigs, but they are best adapted for swine. To secure the best results with swine the potatoes should first be cooked and then made into a thick mush mixed with the cornmeal or other grain. If skim milk is added the value of the feed is much increased.

In feeding potatoes to dairy cows from one-half peck to one peck should be fed to start with. They should be given raw and should be run through a root cutter to prevent choking the cows. An excessive feed of potatoes to a dairy cow is liable to cause scours, but as much as one-half bushel a cow a day has been fed without bad results. In addition to the nutrients contained potatoes give succulence to the ration, a factor of importance in feeding dairy cows.

The German experiments with potatoes to pour for bread during the war illustrate the food value of the potato.

Apple Crop In West Va.

West Virginia will lead every state in the union in the growth and production of apples within the next ten years, according to Commissioner of Agriculture Howard E. Williams. "The rapid strides that our state is making in apple growing are simply marvelous," said Mr. Williams. "The farmers of West Virginia seem to be able to put out larger and finer crops of the fruit every year and the average in West Virginia is booming with leaps and bounds."

Reunion of Blue and Gray

Plans are being made for a grand reunion of the Blue and the Gray to be held at Spencer, Roane-co., August 24-25-26. The management have announced that nothing will be spared to make it a success in every respect. The main attractions of the reunion will be speaking by noted orators, music and a grand camp-fire parade. We understand that several from this county will attend.

Banner Coal Loading Month.

By a margin of almost eight thousand tons, the Chesapeake & Ohio railway system broke its coal loading records during the month of July. The total loading for the month was 2,224,020 tons. The best record for any previous month was established in August, 1914, when the loading total led 2,216,460 tons.

Frank Pulifito, aged 26 years, a machine runner in the mines of the Main Island Creek Coal Company at Omar, was caught in his machine on Saturday night and received injuries from which he died in the Logan hospital on Monday morning.

Both arms were pulled away from the torso, and he was otherwise terribly mutilated. Interment was made in the cemetery on Mud Fork.

An Election to be Held 1916.

At the November election 1916 the following offices will be filled: Sheriff, Assessor, Commissioner, County Court and two delegates to the Legislature. A number of men on the Democratic side have been mentioned as probable candidates. A few Republican candidates have been heard from.

The new primary election law provides that all nominations shall be made on the same day and on presidential years the primary is to be held on the first Tuesday in June. A small assessment is laid on all candidates, which is paid into the county funds and the county court pays all election expenses.

The aspiring boys have been here this court, quietly, leaving a few preliminary remarks and leaving the gap open for a more extended discussion on the same subject in the near future.

Hale Jury Hung; Is Discharged.

The jury in the Hale murder case failed to come to any agreement and was discharged Saturday. Judge Wilkins took occasion to severely reprimand John McCoy, one of the jurors, for his attitude during the case and disqualified him from further duty in the Logan Circuit. Further case will be re-tried at the next court, it is understood.

On Tuesday application for a writ of habeas corpus was made by attorneys E. H. Greene and Marcum, counsel for Hale, and was granted by the court, bond fixed in the sum of \$10,000. Required surety was obtained and was released from custody. The men are T. S. Hatfield, G. L. Al, Harry E. Buskirk, G. F. Gore, Wagner, Elizabeth Wagner, White, W. M. Gore, Albert Gore, Mary Chaffin.

The \$2,000 damage suit instigated against the city of Logan by Mr. Cic Nightbert was tried the first week, but the jury disagreed and another trial will be had at the next term.

Other cases recently decided: Ida Whitt granted a divorce from Whitt. Gertrude Hall divorced from Hall.—Logan Democrat.

What is More Natural?

Huntington Advertiser.—The Mingo Republican, in its issue, emphatically and earnestly advocates the election of Governor Hatfield to the United States Senate. Is more natural than that this be so? Is not the editor of the Republican the head of the rippling stream which was appointed by Governor Hatfield to take the place of a government elected people of that thriving city, and has been prevented from taking an appeal to the state's court resort?

Grand Lodge.

The meeting of the Grand Lodge, West Virginia, Knights of Pythias, Charleston August 25 and 26 is expected to be one of the best in the history of the order. The grand lodge will be opened a public meeting in the opera house Wednesday morning, the 25th, and after the address of and responses the grand lodge proper will begin and will continue Thursday evening, and possibly Friday.

TORCHLIGHT.

Miss Peggy See, Evadne Marcum, Mrs. Wm. Frayley and W. Beatty spent the day with Miller Saturday.

Miss Peggy See spent Saturday with home folks. Miss Ethel See, of Jenkins, was with home folks.

Miss Anna L. Bartlett returned to her home in Ashland last week with her sister, Thompson. HAPPY H.



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PIKE COUNTY NEWS

TEST BETWEEN LOR AND COLEMAN.

A race between David R. Coleman and W. B. Taylor for the Republican nomination for Circuit Court Clerk of -co., has resulted in contest. No as required by the Statute was held last Saturday on Mr. Coleman, from the official returns giving 110 majority was awarded the certificate of nomination by the Board of Election Commissioners. The case is to be tried about Sept. 1 before the Circuit Court in special session at -ville, and Judge J. M. Roberson, is now on the bench at Whitesburg, will adjourn the term in Letcher county to try the proceeding against Coleman at Pikeville, as the law demands summary action in the case. Election irregularities generally are in the notice of contest, to Coleman is required to answer, charges of fraud, etc., are when he files his answer, are expected to be one of unrest, and most every voter in has already cast his sympathy side or the other.

Man is a well-to-do merchant living at Regina, this county. His quite well known in every part of the county. Mr. Taylor was clerk of the Pike county court. Member of the firm of the Pike-er Co., and has extensive in gold timber interests in Pike- in an exporter of lumber. He is one by local business men who suffered by the present war, as most of timber was contracted for sale, manufacturing houses in England, if shipments of his timber across the he ceased with the outbreak of war.

ON TRANSMISSION IS RESUMED.

In the finishing last week of the distance power transmission line Van Lear to Prestonsburg another in the general plan of the Consolidation Coal Co. to furnish electrical key to a number of Eastern Kentucky towns for lighting and power has been accomplished, and materials have been released for work in the general development of the line into Prestonsburg carries a current of 23,000 stepped down by transformers to 110, and this current now supplies that city with lights, etc. L. L. manager of the Pike Light & Co., superintended the construction. The next step will be to complete the

connecting line between Van Lear and Jenkins, and to feed the Pikeville circuits from it over a branch line. Owing to delays of one kind or another this work has been held up for some months, but it may at once be resumed.

CHRISTIANS WIN.

The series of double-header baseball games at Pikeville seems to be off docket temporarily, and single games are taking their place. On account of some differences the team of the M. E. Church, South, was dissolved and reorganized again. The new organization contains the same members, but in a degree is working independent of the church.

The game last Friday at the Ball Park was between this team and the team of the Christian church. It resulted disastrously for the Methodists.

VISITING HER FROM WINCHESTER.

Isaac, Jacob and Carl Hess the three young sons of former Sheriff of Pike county Will M. Smith, have been guests of friends at Pikeville and on John's creek, their former home, for the past week. This is their second visit to Pikeville since they moved to their farm near Winchester some years ago.

TAKE FISHING TRIP.

A party of several young Pikeville people left town last Friday morning to spend the early part of the day with hook and line at the river side at the forks of the river.

Among the members of the party were, Rev. and Mrs. L. N. Fannin, daughter, Miss Lillian, and her guest, Miss Marie Mosser of Wayne, W. Va., Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stone, Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Stone, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Roese, Miss Elva Givins, Messrs. James Renfro, Lewis Stone and Edgar Damron.

BRIDAL COUPLE RETURNS FROM HONEYMOON.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Leslie, who were recently married at Pikeville, and who have been touring the state of Indiana on their honeymoon trip, returned to their home at Pikeville last Saturday evening. Mrs. Leslie was formerly Miss Mintie Huffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Huffman, of College-st.

SPEND WEEK CAMPING AT MARROWBONE.

A large party of Pikeville young people, with a full equipment of camp supplies, left last Saturday to spend ten days under tent on Marrowbone station. The following are members of the party:

Mrs. Lydia Heller, chaperone; Mrs. Gertrude Wilhoit, Mr. and Mrs. James Raymond; the Misses Ruth and Martha Crawford, Lillian Whitman, Kathryn Mays, Ruth Burke and Eliza Davenport; Messrs. John M. Hatcher, Walter Hatcher, J. P. Hobbs, Damron, W. S. Phlegar, Ira Williams and Robt. A colored cook and colored attendant.

The expedition is very pleasantly in the old wing of the

evenings when the day's sport is over at Booby Island.

Pikeville grocers are supplying their daily needs, and they hoped to be able to send several consignments of fish to help on with the account of profit and loss.

The party will return to Pikeville about next Monday.

HIS LAST YEAR AT PIKEVILLE.

Rev. L. N. Fannin, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, for four years past, will leave on Monday, Sept. 6th for Clarksville, W. Va., where he will attend the Annual Conference of his church. This will in all probability be the last year that Mr. and Mrs. Fannin and their three children will spend in our city. During their stay here the town and county has derived great benefits from their work both in and out of the church. It is due to their efforts in a large degree that a new and very beautiful church building has succeeded the old one, which is an addition that the city may be proud of. Mr. Fannin's part in the recent local option fight in the May election was no small one, and it was crowned with success, to the gratification of him and others who wrought to the same purpose with him.

Mrs. Fannin's part in the work has been one perhaps of less brilliance, as viewed from the light of public interest, but certainly not of less worth to those who have benefited by her ministrations. A kindly remembrance will follow their departure on the part of friends who have seen and understood the true value of their labors and the outcome of it during their four years at Pikeville.

They will be warmly recommended to the community with whom their lot is cast by the conference for the next year.

RESIDENCE FINISHED.

The very attractive brick residence of Mr. and Mrs. Morrell Morris at corner Third-st. and Scott-ay. has been finished this week and made ready for use.

The house contains ten rooms, and is of most beautiful architectural design. The interior is plastered, with hardwood finishings, and is a model for convenience and home beauty. The double front on the street and a large and well supported in the triple-pillar style gives a unique effect to residence building.

This is one more of the beautiful homes for which our city is noted.

MARRIED TUESDAY.

A wedding of unusual interest occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones on Fourth-st. Tuesday morning at 11:30. The parties were Miss Bessie, the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Sward of Kewanee, and Mr. H. V. Shelton, 25, C. O. brakeman of Huntington. The Rev. C. C. Daves, pastor of the Baptist church, performed the ceremony, which was witnessed by only a few intimate friends, among whom were some fellow railway employees. The young couple will spend a short honeymoon at Huntington, and may return later to Pikeville to make their home here.

PIKEVILLE COULD AFFORD MILITIA COMPANY.

A company of State Militia organized at Pikeville would be a grand thing. Indeed, everyone thinks so who knows enough about State Militia to judge. Our thriving neighbor town of Whitesburg, the capital of Letcher county, has a great secret of German success and efficiency is credited to military discipline—the same kind of discipline that is found in well governed militia organizations. It is a civic duty that our people owe to the state and the United States, and it will be a means (however small) of contributing to the national defense in case America should be precipitated into the great world conflict which is now consuming Europe. Most of all, it will bring about a change of habits of our young men. Military discipline helps to eliminate the spirit of indolence and substitutes activity in its place.

Business men of Pikeville, think it over, and maybe you will be interested in promoting such a movement.

CROCOSILES COMPLIMENTED.

In a letter of the 19th inst. accepting an invitation to a game at the Pikeville Ball Park for Thursday of this week Mr. J. Cain, of Louisville, speaks of the Prestonsburg and Pikeville teams, the Crocodiles of this city receiving the highest compliment of the two. In the letter, which is addressed to Manager Bales of the Crocodiles, Mr. Cain says in part:

"You have made a good record this season with your team, and we have all with ours, so let us have a game between the two best teams in the Sandy Valley. The Pikeville team has become the talk of the valley, and we are desirous of investigating the Crocodiles to see if they are as invincible as the report goes. Also Butler Bales' pitching has become a by-word, and we want to see if our bats can meet it half way."

The Louisville boys we feel sure, are of the right sort, and the city of Pikeville is glad to entertain them. Their bats are good, and may meet the Pikeville pitching half-way, or more; but their good will must dig into its clothes early in the morning if it beats the Pikeville spirit of friendliness is fractional part of a block.

As this game is scheduled to open at Pikeville at about the same time the NEWS goes to press we are consequently unable to report on it. But it is certain the result will be very close.

MARRIED HERE.

John L. Weston, 26, an employe on bridge construction at Elkhorn City, was united in marriage to Miss Bettie, the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elam, at the Williamson Hotel at Pikeville Tuesday evening. Rev. C. C. Daves of the Baptist church performed the knot-tying ceremony.

The bridal party returned to Elkhorn City, where they will make their home.

BEING REPAIRED.

Two cars are being made up for the opening of the fall term. The school building preparation is in the old wing of the

has renewed the appearance of the new wing.

The faculty has not yet been made up for the coming year, but the list will be published probably next week. Very encouraging indications point to a good year of work under the new superintendency of Dr. J. F. Record.

SPRING WEDS AUTUMN.

A marriage permit was granted here Wednesday by County Court Clerk Rattiff for the marriage of Miss Lula Hall, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Hall of Galveston, Floyd-co., to Mr. Sylvester Rogers, 34, formerly of Virginia, who is now a merchant of Galveston. The nuptial ceremony was performed at the home of the bride at Elkhorn City Wednesday.

DIPHTHERIA DISCUSSED BY DR. WALTERS.

The following is the gist of an address delivered by Dr. W. J. Walters before the Teachers Institute at Pikeville on the subject of Diphtheria.

Mr. Superintendent, and Teachers: Diphtheria is a scourge common to Eastern Kentucky. It invades homes where it is least expected, and in some malignant cases its ravages end in death in an incredibly short time. The symptoms are so many and varied that it would not be practical to here attempt to give any concise idea by which it may be accurately recognized by persons not professionally trained. Sore throat, feverish temperature, headache and hoarseness are some of the symptoms that mark the beginning of a case of diphtheria; and to save the life of a child afflicted with it it is very important that the case should be placed in the care of a physician without delay as oftentimes life or death hangs on a few hours or moments. It acts as quickly as a snakebite in some cases, and is as deadly, unless properly cared for by a skillful physician.

Last year there was something like fifty cases in Pikeville and surrounding country, but by the prompt administration of antitoxin the lives of all except three or four of the victims were saved. While diphtheria is seen through out the year, it is rather more frequent during the cold than the warm months. Of 18688 deaths occurring in New York from it during 13 years 10,769 died between the months of October and March inclusive. The incubation of diphtheria is short; in most of the cases it has been definitely traced it has been between two and five days. It is even shorter when the disease is epidemic and the type virulent.

Predisposing Causes.

Local conditions in the throat influence very largely the occurrence of diphtheria. An important predisposing cause is the existence of catarrhal inflammation of the membranes of the nose and throat so frequently found in children suffering from adenoid growths of the pharynx or enlarged tonsils. These adenoid growths, the tonsillar crypts and cavities of carious teeth may harbor the bacilli for considerable time both before and after an attack. Infection through healthy mucous membrane, if not impossible, is certainly very unlikely. The condition of these membranes in other acute infectious diseases furnishes a predisposition to diphtheria. This is most striking in cases of measles and scarlet fever. Children under ten years of age become victims of the disease much more often than those who are older. The greatest susceptibility, as regards age, is between the second and fifth years.

Spread of the Disease.

Diphtheria prevails epidemically, endemically and sporadically. In most of the large cities it is epidemic, occasional cases occurring throughout the year with periods in which outbreaks of considerable severity are observed. In the country it prevails chiefly as an epidemic.

Can Be Prevented.

Diphtheria is both contagious and infectious, and is distinctly a preventable disease, being easily limited to the first case or cases. When it gets away from the primary case and makes its escape upon the community someone is to blame. The sooner we accept this as a maxim of sanitation the sooner we shall begin to do our duties as individuals and communities.

On account of its frequency and fatality the suppression of this disease is of far more importance to the people of Kentucky than small-pox, yellow fever or cholera. When a child has sore throat, and especially if diphtheria is in the neighborhood, it should immediately be separated from other children until a physician has seen and decided whether it is affected. If diphtheria, strictly isolate the case at once in an up-stairs room if possible and as disconnected as practicable from the living and sleeping apartments of other children. No one except the physician and nurse should enter the room, and they should take every precaution not to carry the infection to others. All be careful with your babies while you are visiting.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

The Hon. and Rev. N. T. Hopkins, with other business of the Regular Order of Baptists, held the usual second Sunday meeting at the school house just across the river last Sunday. Quite a large crowd was present from far and near.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Polley of Elkhorn City were at Pikeville for several days last week.

W. P. McVay of Prestonsburg has been in Pikeville for several days recently.

Sheriff George Mullins returned last Sunday evening from an official visit to Catlettsburg.

Mrs. John F. Butler spent last Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Prestonsburg.

Judge Tobias Wagner of Mossy Bottom was here for a brief visit last Saturday.

Mrs. Chester Brown, who had been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Call at their home on College-st. for several weeks, has returned to her home in Cincinnati.

Thurmond H. Deskins and Florida Wright were recently married at Pikeville.

Attorney W. D. Blair of Prestonsburg has been here on business for several days.

Charles Keyser of Keyser station spent the close of last week at Pikeville.

Burgess Thompson, who has been

employed in the office of the Consolidation Coal Co. at Jenkins for several months, has been the guest of his father, Dr. Z. A. Thompson, in this city, during the past week.

The work on the foundation of the new addition to the Hotel Jefferson is now going forward. The 30-room addition will be completed by cold weather.

Miss Margaret Brown, who had been the guest of Miss Georgia Phelps here during the past month, returned to her home at Louisville Saturday. During her stay here she was the guest-of-honor jointly with Miss Lillian Bronk of Huntington at a party given one evening last week at the home of Miss Helen Gantz on Scott-ay.

J. F. Prindible of Keyser was the guest of Judge Robt. Miller here for a few days last week.

J. M. Rutroff, Pikeville jeweler, spent several days recently in Huntington on business.

S. A. Watson and Albert Watson of Van Lear were recently business callers here.

Mrs. R. L. Miller and two sons have been the guests of relatives at Homaker, Va., during the past ten days.

Prof. and Mrs. A. P. Keil of Pikeville College returned Tuesday evening from a short visit to relatives at Cincinnati. D. R. Coleman returned to Pikeville by the evening train Tuesday from a three-days visit to Catlettsburg and Ashland.

Miss Sallie Bennet of Greenup has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. D. Stephenson, at Pikeville for a week past.

Attorney W. H. Flannery of Catlettsburg was here last Monday.

J. W. M. Stewart, one of Ashland's business men, was here stopping at the Hotel Jefferson Monday.

Willie Pinson was at Coal Run last Saturday.

Mrs. Albert Poole of Van Lear arrived at Pikeville last Monday for a short visit to her son Arthur and his wife and boy. Mrs. Poole formerly lived here.

The road-making work continues across the river.

Attorneys Roscoe Vanover and F. W. Stowers have been attending Circuit Court at Whitesburg this week.

Miss Mary Morgan is the guest of Miss Dewey Flannery at Catlettsburg this week.

C. M. Jackson has been sick of cold for several days recently but is about well now.

Reports from different points in the coal fields state that work is rapidly picking up, and that ovens are going again. This will be welcome news.

Tobe Wiley of Paintsville was here Wednesday.

LETCHER COUNTY AND WHITESBURG.

What is Happening in this Rich Coal Territory of Kentucky.

WHITESBURG, KY., Aug. 18.—The Letcher Fiscal Court closed a weeks important session here yesterday in which some important business looking to the construction of good roads was executed. Arrangements were completed, rights of way secured, etc., and everything arranged for the building of two miles of model roadway from this city up the North Fork of Kentucky river to the mouth of Colly creek. At first it was arranged to let contracts for the actual construction of this piece of road on Monday, but for some cause the matter of bids was passed until about Sept. 7. At that time, it is said, that the Fiscal Court will make arrangements to build about the same distance in two other directions out from Whitesburg. One road will go toward Hindman, Knott-co. This year Letcher county will expend from \$25,000 to \$30,000 on good road building. Letcher is determined to become the banner mountain county in the way of roads.

Representatives of The Louisville Copperage Co. Louisville have been in this county for a few days. Deals were also completed while here on a good sized white oak timber tract on Elk creek in the southern section of the county. According to the purchasers stave mills will be moved onto the property at once and the manufacture begun. A goodly number of men will be employed in the work. Timber operations of all kinds are getting more active throughout this section.

A number of deaths occurred in Letcher county within the past week. At Democrat north of here Mrs. Ewen Cook, the venerable mother of Dr. T. A. Cook, P. M. at Democrat and one of the county's venerable old women died after a long illness of a complication of diseases. She leaves many friends over the county to mourn her death.

At Colson Bud Everage good citizen farmer and former postmaster at Rockhouse died after a long illness of tuberculosis, making the third victim of the same disease in the Everage family. He leaves a wife and several grown children.

Near Cornettville on the Letcher-Perry border below here Finley Sumpter, a young farmer aged 30, died after a brief illness. He leaves a wife and several small children.

A grand jury at its Saturday session returned an indictment against Mrs. Mary Wilson colored charging her with a murder committed near Jenkins in this county. Indictments were also returned against Dave, J. B. and Ison Smith, brothers of Cumberland River charging them with confederating and banding together against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth.

Their bonds were fixed at \$500 each.

The \$15,000 damage suit of M. Copley formerly of Williamson, West-co. against the Lexington & Eastern Railroad for the loss of a leg, having been run over by a L. & E. passenger train will be called this week in the Letcher Circuit Court. Copley lost a leg when he went to board a passenger train at Neon in this county last August. The case will be watched with much interest.

The case of the Commonwealth against John D. Blair charged with the murder of Harry H. Carvin former brick layer of Bristol, Tenn., which oc-

curred at Blackey in this county last July 4, was called in the Letcher Circuit Court here and passed until the November term of the Letcher Circuit Court. Blair, it is alleged threw a rock and killed Carvin. The murder caused a wide sensation at the time. Carvin was a member of a good family in Bristol. The witnesses in the case were relieved until the November term of court.

It is said here that merchants, business men and others of the town of Neon in the edge of the coal fields of this county have asked the officials of the county to permit beer, etc., to be sold in the "resorts" that are being operated there.

They assert that business has been stagnated since the resorts were closed several days ago. Neon lies in close proximity to Fleming, Haymond and McRoberts where a thousand or more men, largely foreigners, are working.

Hon. R. H. Cooper democratic candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney in the Letcher-Pike district has been here for several days shaking hands with his legion of friends and talking to the "dear voters." It looks like Mr. Cooper will make it a little warm for some of the boys in November, although it looks as if he has an up-hill fight. Hon. Roscoe Vanover also came to Whitesburg Tuesday morning on the early train having business in the circuit court. It is believed that Mr. Vanover has a political bee buzzing round him of late.

Mr. H. Lavers of the South East Coal Co., Seco this county returned Monday afternoon from an eastern trip, having visited Philadelphia and other eastern cities while on the outside. It is said that the new operation long planned for the Tilden Wright place between Millstone and Thornton has been deferred for the present, and it will perhaps be the first of the year before the new work is started. We much regret this as the people in the community were hoping that the work would start at once as scheduled. The company is getting along splendidly with their operation at Seco, and it will not be long until they begin shipping coal.

A number of witnesses returned to this county from the U. S. district court at Big Stone Gap, Va., where they were called in the John Hall, Hunt Hall and Sol Hall case which was passed until the October term of court owing to the absence of two important witnesses. It will be remembered that these men are held for the battle with revenue officers at Blue Notch Gap of Cumberland Mountains in June of last year when two officers, Ramey and Stone were killed and U. S. Deputy Marshal J. Martin Potter of this county desperately wounded. The cases, when they are called for trial, will attract unusual attention.

U. S. Deputy Marshal John M. Riddle of this city with posseman Robert Banks returned here from a moonshine raid on Hull creek in this county where they captured a large moonshine still, in operation. Being unable to cut and destroy the still, it was carried, intact, to this city. Arriving here Banks carried the stuff through the main street. Much interest was manifested. Officer Riddle reports the arrest of Millard Burton near the still camp and while enroute to his place of business. He is being held. Burton has long been engaged in the illicit work.

With such men as John Riddle at the helm Letcher county will soon be rid of the destructive work of the moonshine still. We trust the day will soon be dawning.

Judge Roberson is exacting the law on the whiskey and pistol cases. He remembers his statements to the grand jury that nine-tenths of the crime is due to either whiskey or pistols, and is bowing to the line. No one can deny that Judge Roberson is an able jurist. The most of July weeks will be consumed at this term of the court. Judge Roberson was determined at the first of the session to rid the county of crime and law breaking.

After an absence of twelve years and Mrs. Lettie A. Salling and family of Scott-co., Va., are visiting the family of W. B. Webb at Sergeant, in the mother of Mrs. Salling. She came over the new Clinchfield through the "Brecks" and via Jenkins.

LITTLE BLAINE.

Bro. Vaughan filled his appointment at Dry Ridge Sunday.

Several from this place attended icecream supper at Chris Thos Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Carter and Carter and family were visiting Mrs. Blaine Meade of Seely Sunday.

Miss Violet Roberts has returned from a visit to friends and relatives at Louisville.

Oscar Roberts attended washing at Daniels creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Little son were visiting Mr. grandmother Sunday.

Hazel Carter was visiting parents Saturday and Sunday.

Several from this place church at Dry Ridge Sunday.

Everett Roberts made a visit Friday.

Mrs. Julia Roberts and Ethel were visiting Maunday recently.

Mrs. S. F. Roberts was folks recently.

Laura Belle Damron was called on Mrs. on Saturday.

The bean stringing at Mrs. was largely attended night.

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